



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Circleville, OH

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Circleville was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in south-central Ohio in Pickaway County, Circleville (population 13,630) was founded in 1810 as an agricultural town and soon became home to several grain mills. Its access to canals, railroads, and highways attracted other industries, including cardboard and TV manufacturing, and plastics, paint, and chemical companies. During the past 10 years, the city has lost 1,600 jobs because of layoffs and plant closures. About half the county's workers now commute outside the county for work, and 11.1 percent of families live below the poverty level. Nearly all of the 10 facilities that closed in the city during the past decade remain vacant or minimally used. U.S. Route 23 once passed through the city and provided a convenient location for service



Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Circleville for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct a site inventory and perform from 10 to 15 Phase I and up to five Phase II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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stations, dry cleaners, and light manufacturers. It is likely that a number of underground tanks and contaminants are in this area of the city. Some brownfields may threaten the water quality of groundwater and the Scioto River that flows through the city's western side. Assessment of brownfields will clarify environmental concerns and is expected to generate interest in site reuse.